

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

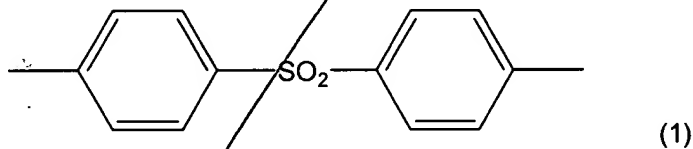
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8, 14-16, 18 and 21-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 30 as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims is attached.

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1. (Three Times Amended) An endless belt for electrophotography which is obtainable continuously by melt extrusion from a circular die; the endless belt comprising a layer containing a thermoplastic resin having a diphenyl sulfone structure represented by the following Formula (1)



the endless belt having a thickness not larger than 1/3 of the slit-width of the circular die used and having an external diameter of from 105% to 400% of the external diameter of the die slit of the circular die used, wherein an extrusion material has a breaking extension of 2% or more and a tensile breaking strength of 40 MPa or more.

30. (Three Times Amended) An image forming apparatus for electrophotography comprising:

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